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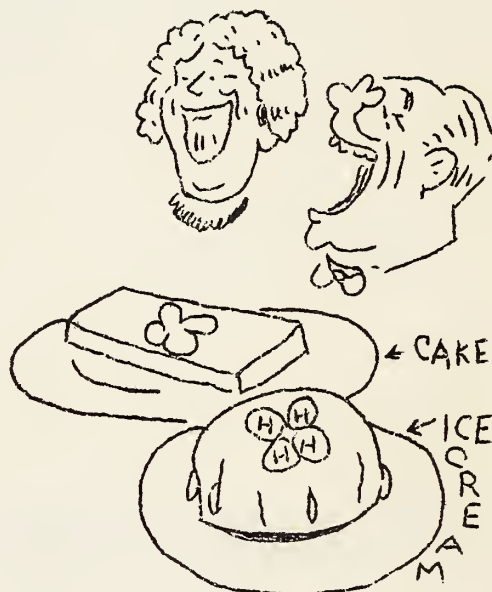
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Gayety and laughter were heard on every hand in the court and the ballroom of the United States Chamber of Commerce on the evening of June 21. It was the annual 4-H party.

Pastel- and vivid-colored party dresses from the East, South, North, and West made a huge 4-H rainbow. Members of the national extension staff were honored by the 4-H campers: "Happy days to those whom we love" was sung to them from the hearts of the 4-H club members.

The Grand March was led by Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Smith to the lovely music of the United States Marine Band orchestra. Other features of the evening were social dancing, folk dances, games, and fortune telling by gypsies.

A refreshing punch was served throughout the evening, and at the close of the party, green and white ice cream and cake bearing the 4-H emblem was served by the boys.



Shelma Dickerson

Delaware

Harriet Wilson

North Dakota

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The 4-H RECORD is happy to add to your memories of our Nation's Capitol and its historic spots, a copy of "Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Agriculture." This publication was prepared for the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Department of Agriculture and tells of the interest these men had in agriculture and their great influence on it.

Dr. H. N. Wheeler, Chief Lecturer of the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, gave us many interesting facts during assembly on the care and use of our forests.

He stressed the fact that recreation was good for us, but that we should be careful about cleaning up the forest after our picnics. He said that about 95 percent of our forest fires were the result of carelessness.

Our forests, he explained, supply wood and wood products, aid in soil conservation, maintain a home for game, and provide a place for our recreational activities.

We all enjoyed Dr. Wheeler's talk to the greatest extent and hope that we may be able both to practice and to preach the lessons of care and appreciation which he gave us.

Margitta Ditto
New Mexico



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After some minutes of joyful singing we had the pleasure of hearing Dr. E. L. Kirkpatrick of the American Youth Commission speak on rural-youth associations.

Dr. Kirkpatrick said, "To me you are commencement boys and girls who are leaving never to return. So you must get the most from your visit while you are here. For some of you this will be your only visit to the Nation's Capital.

"For some of you it will be difficult to take over the activities and problems of the future. You must choose your own vocation. No matter what kind of bringing up you have had, unless you have the fellowship among boys and girls of your own age you will never enjoy life so much. We find that 4-H club members are attempting to solve the problems of rural life."

After a few songs we continued a panel discussion with delegates from all parts of the country taking part. Here we obtained and exchanged many new ideas. Evelyn Fond of New York acted as our chairman, and we had a successful meeting.

Howard "Bumps" Limbacher

New York

The camp delegates journeyed to the WHITE HOUSE on Tuesday, June 21. The official picture was taken on the lawn, south of the President's home.

We should be proud to have the privilege of visiting this beautiful home.

The White House received its name because of the fact that it was painted white to cover the damage done by fire set by the British during the War of 1812.

The Executive Offices of the President are in the west wing, and between the wing and the main building is the swimming pool.

We visited the State Dining Room where all State functions are held. We then were shown the Red and Blue Rooms, so named because of their predominating color. In the Green Room we saw a chandelier of crystal glass valued at \$125,000. The building has three floors - the basement, where all cooking is done; the main floor, where all entertainment is given; and the third floor, which consists of the living quarters of the President's family.

I was amazed at the beauty and simplicity of the grounds and the building, and my first close view gave me a thrill because this was the home of our President.

As we entered the building I was confronted by a picture of President U. S. Grant, and I had the feeling that he might be weighing our worth to the Nation.

The different pieces of furniture interested me as they bore labels telling the history of each piece. The richness of the rooms, the floor coverings, and the lovely old furniture were truly impressive. I was greatly interested in the placement of the mirrors, which seemingly gave us endless rows of brilliant chandeliers.

The ship models interested me very much, for I knew our President collected them as a hobby and has given many outstanding models to the Smithsonian Institution.

As we left the White House I glanced up to see the picture of President Lincoln. He seemed to be giving us his blessing as we passed.

John F. Fadden
New Jersey

Margaret Bulley
Kentucky



It seems to me that one of the most outstanding things we will long remember, and value most, is the FRIENDSHIPS we have made here at the National 4-H Camp.

4-H members of the North are making friends with those of the South; members of the East with those of the West. Our tentmates are from different States, so we have learned something of the habits and ways of people whose homes are separated from ours by many miles.



This is an opportunity of a lifetime, so let's make the most of it by making as many different friends as possible and treasuring our memories for years to come.

"To gain a friend is to discover happiness; to keep a friend is to be prepared for heaven."

Laura Bell Sherwood

Oklahoma

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The SYLVAN THEATER program given in honor of us delegates was given in the auditorium because of rain.

Vernon Hitchcock, of Indiana, was master of ceremonies, and Miss Ella Gardner led our songs.

The program opened with numbers by the Elks Boys' Band. The "Stringed Duo," presented by the Boys' Club of Washington gave a tap dance number in addition to its music. We all enjoyed the grace of "Waltz Time" presented by the Reserve Glee Club of the Washington Y. W. C. A.

It was particularly fitting that "Midsummer Night's Dream" was given after we had visited the Folger Shakespeare Library. To see the talented Washington Players was a rare privilege.

"I have laughed so much that my sides hurt," exclaimed several of our delegates after the play. We only hope that our hosts for the evening enjoyed it as much as we did, and we are very grateful to them.

Lloyd Hawkins
Oklahoma

Good Luck, the Best of Health and Success, and a Safe Trip Home.

GOOD-BYE from ALL of us.

